

Dr. Prasad and his wife, Dr. Sudah Prasad, an immunologist, have been quiet and consistent donors to St. John's NICU over the years. Their latest gift of \$1 million will support a major expansion of St. John's neonatal intensive care unit. The expansion, expected to be finished in February, will more than double the size of the current NICU and provide single-family patient rooms for premature and critically ill infants.

As a father whose first baby came into this world with serious health challenges, I have a sense of what such supportive accommodations will mean to families of sick and fragile babies, and I am grateful to Dr. Prasad for his generous support of this worthy cause.

St. John's was one of the first hospitals in Illinois to establish a NICU for premature and critically ill infants. Each year, about 2,00 babies are born at St. John's, and about 700 babies from 35 Illinois counties receive care in the hospital's NICU.

In announcing Dr. Prasad's donation, Beverly Neisler, chief development officer for the HSHS St. John's Foundation said, "Dr. Prasad's gift is a beautiful testament as to who he is as a person. He is a generous and kind man who has built a successful life through hard work, dedication and determination. He means so much to us."

"A golden opportunity" is how Dr. Prasad remembers his chance to come to America nearly a half-century ago. "It felt like heaven," he says, nothing like India in the 1970s. At 24, he had never before seen TV.

Nearly 50 years later, Dr. Prasad is a father of three and grandfather of six. Two of his daughters have followed him into the medical profession. Dr. Prasad himself continues to practice anesthesiology and pain management 2 weeks each month at a private medical practice in the Springfield area.

The current COVID crisis reminds us daily how much we depend on the skills and sacrifices of front-line medical workers and how many of those medical workers are, like Dr. Prasad, immigrants. We are fortunate and we are safer and healthier because they have chosen to make America their home. On behalf of the families of Illinois, I want to thank Dr. Prasad again for keeping two generations of Illinoisans healthy and for his generous gift to future generations.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, providing suffrage for all sexes in the Constitution of the United States.

The amendment states that the right to vote "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The suffrage Movement opened the doors to women's participation in the electoral process and contributed to equitable civic leadership and engagement.

Today, I honor the historic milestone of the women's suffrage movement, and the contributions from my home state of Vermont, while acknowledging the barriers to voting that have harmed and continue to harm some of the most marginalized people in our country.

Vermont's contributions to the suffrage movement ranged from participation on the local level to the national marches. Vermonters fought for women's legal civic participation in our schools, municipal offices, and our State legislature, along with the national right to vote. I am grateful to every Vermonter who fought a more equitable political system.

Notable Vermont suffragists include Clarina Howard Nichols of Townshend, who fought for women's property rights. Annette Parmalee of Washington, one of the most outspoken suffragists in my State, who fought for suffrage locally, statewide and nationally. And Lucy Daniel of Grafton, who used civil disobedience to lend her weight to the fight. I am proud of every Vermonter's contribution to the movement and helping our country expand access to the ballot box.

Suffragists were women of races, ages, and political backgrounds. Yet after the 19th Amendment, millions of women—particularly African-Americans in the Jim Crow South—remained shut out of the polls for decades. Many States and municipalities continued to ignore the 15th and 19th Amendments, effectively withholding voting rights from women, Black people, and anyone who was low-income or "uneducated". The harm was most profound at the intersection of marginalized groups.

I find the efforts to stop people from voting to be deeply unpatriotic—then and now. In our long history, the United States has made it harder for some individuals to be civically engaged because of their gender identity, their income, or race. We know that the literacy tests kept those shut out of the education system from the electoral process. We know that poll taxes kept poor people from casting a ballot. And we know that barriers to voting still exist today.

We have seen people from majority Black districts wait in line for double the amount of time as their neighboring white districts. We have seen eligible voters turned away because of inaccurate voting roll purges. From gerrymandering, to archaic voter ID laws, to limiting voter registration, discriminatory efforts still exist that harm our democracy and deprive Americans of a government that represents them. In my view, voting should be a simple process. We should be passing laws to make it easier to vote, not harder.

First and foremost, we must restate the Voting Rights Act. We need to make election day a national holiday so that more people are able to get to the polls without losing time or wages from work. We need to expand automatic voter registration, early

voting and vote-by-mail capabilities. We need to address voter suppression head on. And we must overturn the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision and reform campaign finance laws to prevent large corporations and billionaires from having an outsized voice in the electoral process.

Today in honor of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, I call on Americans to pursue equity with the same vigor as the suffragists. Question rules and laws that obstruct political participation. Speak out against injustices. And continue to fight for policies that center our Nation's political process on "we the people."

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of a significant anniversary in our Nation's history. Thirty years ago, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA. Because of the monumental impact on individuals with disabilities, the ADA remains one of the most celebrated pieces of civil rights legislation today.

Behind the ADA is a specific vision: a more equitable, accessible and inclusive America. This watershed legislation sought to eradicate the discrimination that long confronted individuals with disabilities in the United States in many areas—including employment, education, transportation, and government services. The ADA established a clear and comprehensive national mandate to ensure individuals with disabilities have equal opportunities to participate in their communities.

We can be proud of organizations in Arkansas dedicated to providing services and life-enhancing skills so individuals with disabilities can engage in everyday activities and independent living.

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the ADA, the Senate recently passed S. Res. 661 recognizing this landmark legislation and the importance of independent living for individuals with disabilities that was made possible with this law.

In celebration of this milestone, I am proud to recognize the advancement of disability rights in Arkansas and nationwide.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but had I been present would have voted no on rollcall vote 153, motion to proceed to the House message to accompany S.178, a bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF FAUSEY AND ASSISTANT CHIEF GOODBROD

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor the heroic acts of two Pennsylvania volunteer firefighters, Chief Howard M. Fausey, Sr., and Assistant Chief Ethan Goodbrod of Citizen's Hose Company, Station 45, in Jersey Shore, PA.

On the evening of February 15, 2020, Chief Fausey and Assistant Chief Goodbrod responded to a multiple alarm fire reported at the Broadway Hotel and Restaurant in Jersey Shore, PA. The hotel is a historic building with multiple residential apartments in its upper levels. When Chief Fausey and Assistant Chief Goodbrod arrived on the scene, the building was already consumed in flames, and they soon learned that a man was trapped on the third floor. Without regard to their own personal safety, these volunteer firefighters climbed to the third floor on ladders, forced their way into the building by breaking a window and removing an air-conditioner, found the trapped man amidst heavy smoke, and safely removed him from the building. And they did not arrive a moment too soon. The man they rescued suffered severe burns and smoke inhalation while he was trapped inside. Thanks to Chief Fausey's and Assistant Chief Goodbrod's heroism, he lived to see another day and has recovered from his injuries.

Chief Fausey's and Assistant Chief Goodbrod's courageous acts call attention to the heroic service that first responders provide for their communities every day, often on a volunteer basis. In fact, Citizens Hose Company, Station 45, is made up entirely of volunteers. These individuals, many of whom hail from generations of voluntary service, place themselves in harm's way to protect the rest of us.

We should never take for granted the risks that first responders take to ensure that we are safe in our communities. I want to say to Chief Fausey, to Assistant Chief Goodbrod, and to all of Pennsylvania's first responders, that we are grateful for the service that you provide to the community and thankful for your sacrifices.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO TRISTA HOVDE

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Trista Hovde of Richland County for her outstanding achievement in earning a position on the North Dakota State/Provincial National High School rodeo team.

Trista, a junior at Sidney High School, traveled with her fellow teammates to Guthrie, OK, to compete in the 72nd National High School Finals Rodeo. She partook in the barrel racing, girls' cutting, and reined cow horse competitions.

The NHSFR boasts the title of the largest rodeo in the world, featuring

over 1,650 contestants from 43 States as well as Canada, Australia, and Mexico. Participating in the NHSFR is a tremendous honor and I know that she has made both her community and Montana very proud.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Trista for her tireless dedication to the rodeo community and her unique contributions to Sidney and Montana. Her drive and ambition serve as an inspiration to all young Montanans to strive to do the best that they can in everything they do. I look forward to following Trista's rodeo career and all of her future accomplishment.●

RECOGNIZING MAAG PRESCRIPTION & MEDICAL SUPPLY

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor Maag Prescription & Medical Supply in Pocatello as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2020 and congratulate them on 70 years of business.

Maag Prescription & Medical Supply is an independent, locally owned pharmacy which has been operated by the Maag family since 1950. Established by Irvin and Genevieve Maag, the couple ran all aspects of the business and quickly developed a reputation for providing exemplary service while meeting the specific needs of their customers. As the business flourished and ownership transitioned to their son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Kathy Maag, a fire ravaged the facility in 1977. The Maags quickly sprang into action and rebuilt their business across the street with the strong support of the Pocatello community.

Forty-three years later, Maag Prescription & Medical Supply remains a staple in Southeast Idaho, providing more than 20 jobs to the community and expanding three times to meet the needs of their customers. Their ability to adapt quickly and meet customer demands has been especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the business now offering curbside pickup, free home delivery of prescriptions and oxygen tanks, and in-house production of hand sanitizer for the community. Their emphasis on customer satisfaction has been central to their continued success.

Maag Prescription & Medical Supply's resiliency and service to the community has not gone unnoticed. For the past 2 years, the business received the Idaho State Journal's annual Reader's Choice award. Their business stands as a true testament to American industriousness, exemplifying one of our Nation's most treasured values. Now, in one of the most economically uncertain times, their story reminds us of the importance of

commitment to our communities and resilience in the face of adversity.

Congratulations to Greg and Kathy Maag and all of the employees of Maag Prescription & Medical Supply on being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2020. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

REMEMBERING BEN HILL GRIFFIN, III

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I pay tribute to the memory of Ben Hill Griffin, III, a lifelong resident of Polk County who left a lasting impact on Florida and the citrus industry.

Ben Hill Griffin, III, was born on March 3, 1942, in Frostproof, FL, to Ben Hill Griffin, Jr., and his wife, Frances. The only son of five children, Ben Hill worked his father's cattle ranches and citrus fields at a young age, learning early that success requires hard work and long hours.

While attending Frostproof High School, Ben Hill played several sports and attended Boys' State, where he was fittingly elected commissioner of agriculture. After graduation, he attended the University of Florida before returning home to Frostproof.

Ben Hill spent a year at the Lake Alfred Experiment Station, gaining experience with various aspects of the citrus industry before joining his father's business. He spent a year and a half working in the fertilizer division, 3 years in the harvesting division, and 2 years in the processing and sales divisions. After paying his dues, his father welcomed him into Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., naming him president and chief operating officer. He would later serve as its chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Throughout his career, Ben Hill was recognized as a thoughtful leader and savvy businessman within the Florida agricultural and citrus industries and statewide business communities. He was elected to numerous corporate boards, served in leadership positions and they became better companies under his leadership.

During his time as chairman of the Florida Citrus Commission, Ben Hill flew to New York to defend the State from negative media coverage. He succeeded in his efforts to have processed products branded with the Florida symbol and was inducted into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame in 2009, the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2010, and the Frostproof High School Hall of Fame in 2010. Even in the face of the challenges before the industry, he continued to invest in Florida citrus and believed in Florida agriculture and her producers.

Ben Hill was also a benefactor of higher education, including the University of Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University, of which he donated the land for the university's construction. He served as a board member for both